

Maryland SICC

STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

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SICC General Meeting

Johns Hopkins University/Center for Technology in Education
6740 Alexander Bell Drive, Columbia, MD 21046

Thursday, December 5, 2013 — 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Minutes

Attendance: Debbie Badawi, Mike Berman, Nancy Egan, George Failla, Natasha Fields, Curtisha Hopkins, Brenda Hussey-Gardner, Elizabeth Kelley, Karen Larenas, Mary Leppert, Rachel London, Shannon McRae, Karen Mull, Amy Nicholas, and Erin Stauder

Excused: Laura Barbee-Matthews, Guy Guzzone, Miji Kim, John McGinnis, and Abila Tazanu-Legall

Guests: Beth Boyd, Debbie Crosby, Sharon Holloway, Francesca Landsteiner, Sharon Laydal, Blairlee Owens, and Anna Reed.

Staff: Pam Miller, Brian Morrison, Nancy Vorobey, Mauria Uhlik, and Clara Coleman

Dr. Hussey-Gardner called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

- I. Welcome, Remarks & Introductions: Brenda Hussey-Gardner
- II. Review/Approval of meeting Minutes: Brenda Hussey-Gardner
 - Minutes were approved with the suggested changes by the SICC.
- III. Announcements & Public Comment: Brenda Hussey-Gardner
 - SICC Executive Meeting Dates:
 - January 16, 2014, 1-3p.m., MSDE
 - March 6, 2014, 1-3p.m., MSDE
 - May 1, 2014, 1-3p.m., MSDE
- IV: SICC Report
 - A. Chairperson's Report: Brenda Hussey-Gardner
 1. Upcoming SICC General Meeting Dates:
 - a. February 6, 2014, 1:00-4:00p.m., CTE
Cortical Visual Impairment – Sandra Newcomb, PhD
Strategic Plan – Marcella Franczkowski
 - b. April 3, 2014, 1:00 – 4:00p.m., CTE

- c. Joint SICC/LICC Meeting Date
June 5, 2014, 12:00-4:00 p.m., TBD
- 2. Executive Committee Updates
 - Seeking 2 additional members
 - Email Brenda if interested: bhussey@peds.umaryland.edu
- 3. Nomination - Foster Care - Shannon Z. McRae, MSW
 - a. Shannon began working with the State of Maryland in 1994. She worked at the Baltimore City Department of Social Services under the Family Services Division as a case manager for different program (BITP, Services to Families with Children, & Adoptions). In 2001, Shannon began her work at the Department of Human Resources, Social Services Administration (SSA) as an Assistant Coordinator/Special Needs Monitor. She then accepted a position as an Adoption Program Analyst and is currently a Policy Analyst with the Office of Resource Development, Placement and Social Services.
 - b. Shannon was successfully nominated as a member to the SICC.
- 4. Nomination – Maryland Insurance Administration- Nancy Egan, Esquire.
 - a. Nancy began working as the Assistant Director of Government Relations at Maryland Insurance Administration in 2012. Prior to that she was a co-owner of a highly successful family run agency established in 1964. The agency’s book of business was sold to George T. Moran Inc. in January of 2008.
 - b. Nancy was successfully nominated as a member to the SICC.
- B. Vice Chairperson’s Report: Karen Larenas
 - 1. Karen Larenas provided an update on the flyer created to recruit new parent members to the SICC. Since the membership of SICC now meets the requirements of COMAR, the decision was made to provide the flyer to LICCs so that it can be used by local committees to recruit parent members.
- C. Legislative Update: Rachel London
 - 1. There were no legislative updates at this time other than to note that the legislative session starts January 14, 2014.
- V. Open Meetings Act: Brian Morrison
 - A. Brian Morrison provided an overview of the Open Meetings Act required by Title 10 Subtitle 5 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The purpose of the Act is to foster transparency in government at both the State and local level. Information and Training on the Open Meetings Act can be found at <http://www.oag.state.md.us/Opengov/Openmeetings/>
- VI. ECAC/RTT-ELCG Updates: Liz Kelley
 - 1. Liz Kelley gave an update on all 10 projects of the Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge Grant. Sample discussion points included:
 - a. 1,397 Early learning and development programs participation goals for year one of full implementation (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014) have been exceeded. An outreach effort to encourage increased participation by Public Pre-K programs is underway;

- b. Early Childhood Breakthrough Centers provide coaching, consulting, and capacity building, and will build to 225 programs served by December 2014;
 - c. Two full day trainings were conducted – October 23, 2013 in Baltimore City; and October 29, 2013 in Prince George’s County for the 50 VIOLET sites identified for 2013-2014; and
 - d. Maryland Family Network held two days of Training the Trainers for MMSR Professional Development Modules in October for new trainers.
- VII. MSDE Birth Through Five Updates: Nancy Vorobey, Brian Morrison
 - A. Nancy Vorobey and Brian Morrison provided a summary of the 2013 Professional Learning Institute from the birth through five perspective.
 - 1. The Institute represented Year 3 of a four year plan:
 - a. Year 1 – Brutal facts
 - b. Year 2 – Strategic Planning
 - c. Year 3 – Strategic Implementation
 - d. Year 4 – Results
 - 2. The Institute included 2 presentations by Dr. Robin McWilliam:
 - a. Evidenced based practices and information regarding effective implementation practices to achieve results with colleagues and interested stakeholders.
 - b. The use of the Routines-Based Interview (RBI) in the development of participation-based IFSP and IEP.
 - 3. A third presentation was given by Johns Hopkins University School of Education on coaching practices.
- VIII. State Performance Plan (SPP) Annual Performance Report (APR): Brian Morrison, Nancy Vorobey, Pam Miller and Mauria Uhlik
 - A. A presentation on the FFY 2012 APR preliminary data was given to SICC. The FFY 2012 is due to OSEP by February 3, 2014.
 - 1. Part C compliance indicators indicated generally high compliance and the state met all Part C results indicators except for Child Outcomes.
 - 2. It was noted during the presentation that the targets for child outcomes were set on data using a different collection methodology. As a result, MSDE is in the process of revising Child Outcomes targets. As stakeholders, SICC members, will receive a survey with proposed targets within the next week.
 - 3. The preschool compliance indicator, Transition from Part C to Part B, also indicated a high level of compliance and the state target was met for the results indicator Parent Involvement.
 - 4. State targets were not met for preschool Child Outcomes and preschool Least Restrictive Environment.
- IX. Scenario Focused ICC Meeting – Karen Larenas
 - A. At the October 2013 meeting, Dr. Ed Feinberg gave a presentation on a unique Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) meeting that took place in Anne Arundel County. In an effort to help further understand the complexities of their service delivery system, LICC members utilized a case study involving a family with complex needs.

- B. Karen Larenas summarized Dr. Feinberg's discussion and lead the SICC in workgroups to choose help choose an action item for the SICC related to this topic.
 - 1. Each workgroup reported their suggestion for an action item and it was decided that the Executive Team would recommend an action item for the SICC at the next general meeting.
 - C. Brian Morrison reported that he would attend the Anne Arundel County LICC to provide regulatory guidance during their discussions.
- XII. Adjournment (3:45 p.m.)
- XIII. Next SICC General Meeting is February 6, 2014